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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAN, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORDON, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE:—LEON DE ROBERT, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 138, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GORDON, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—HARRIS & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS:—SAYLE & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HEINZEL & CO., Manila.

CHINA:—Blanco, Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co. Swatow, CAMERON & Co. Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co. Foochow, HEDON & Co. Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. and KIM & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSON, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
E. B. BELLIOS, Esq. ADAM LIND, Esq.
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. WILHELM REINHARDT, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq.
Hon. W. KESWICK.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and Country Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES of Interest allowed on Deposits.
At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND,
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamers' Wharf,
Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES.
RODGERS & SONS' Celebrated CUTLERY.
MAPPIN BROS.' GENTS' DRESSING CASES.
WATERLOW'S & DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY.
BILLIARD CLOTHS, and BILLIARD CHALK.
BILLIARD CUE CEMENT and TIPS.
TABLE GLASSWARE and CROCKERY.
BRUSH-WARE of all kinds.
ALBUMS.

NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS, PRESENTATION BOOKS, &c.

FINE KENT HOPS.

MALT.
CARBOLIC ACID.
CAUSTIC SODA.
CHLORIDE OF LIME.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S
CELEBRATED HOUSEHOLD STORES.

California SODA CRACKERS.
Family PIG PORK in kegs.
Family MESS BEEF in kegs.
Compressed CORNED BEEF.
Compressed OX TONGUES.
Compressed HAM.
BARCELONA and
PEA NUTS,
&c., &c., &c.

TEYSSONNEAU'S FRUITS, in BRANDY, NOYEAU, and JUICE.
FRENCH JAMS and JELLIES.
"O. K." BOURBON WHISKEY (Bottled by L. A. & Co.)
BASS'S ALE, in pints and qts., bottled by Cameron and Saunders.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, in pints and qts., bottled by E. & J. Burke.
BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Kilderkins and Hhds.
CLARET, in Cask.
&c., &c., &c.

LANMERT, ATKINSON & CO.
Hongkong, July 19, 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Leaves.)
CUT LOAF SUGAR.
CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent).
CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 LIL.
FINE WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 LIL.
MEDIUM WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 LIL.
FINE YELLOW SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 LIL.
COFFEE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 LIL.
GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and MOLASSES.
SPIRITS OF WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.
RUM, 45°, 50°, O. P., and Naval.
ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.
AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bones.
BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).
ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to THE MANAGER.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED,
East Point,
Hongkong.
March 5, 1878.

FOR SALE.

COKE and TAR in Quantities to suit Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.

Apply to GAS COMPANY,
West Point.

Hongkong, June 19, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES J. HIRST has been authorized to Sign our Firm per Procuration.

HESSE & Co.
Hongkong, July 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD GUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.
China, March 8, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHART in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.
Hongkong, June 15, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S RIDING WHIPS.
CARBOLIC ACID, the best disinfectant.
PORCELAIN ICE PITCHERS.
KEISLER'S DUNDEE MARMALADE.
FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.
VEYRON'S CAFETIERES.
CURCIER and ADER'S CLARETS.
BASS'S ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.
French JAMS.
Scotch OATMEAL.
FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.
VEGETABLE, FLOWER and LAWN-GRASS SEED.
TEA TASTER'S CUPS, POTS, SCALES and TIME GLASSES.
FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.
French SUMMER SHOES.
CARRIERS' HATS.
BASS'S ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.
PEAR'S TOILET SOAP.
English HAMS.
FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.
SPARKLING BURGUNDY.

CHOICE PORT for Invalids.
FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.
OURACAO, MARSCHINO, and CHARTREUSE.
HENDRIKS' PERFUMERY.
BASS'S ALE, by Foster, highly recommended for purity, and the extreme Care used in Bottling.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, July 17, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of August next, at THREE O'CLOCK p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Reports of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1878.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

Intimations.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Following is the SCALE of RATES for SILK, with Average, that will be charged by the above Company at this Port for the present Season.
To the Continent; by Mail Steamers, 1%
" United Kingdom; do. 1%
" do. by Holt's & Glen Stra., 1%
" do. by Castle Stra., 1%
" do. by other 1st-class Stra., 2%
By Order,
W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Club Chambers, on TUESDAY, August 20th, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1878.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th August, both days included.
By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 20, 1878.

Intimations.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT LOAN OF 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that the DEFINITIVE BONDS of the above LOAN are now Ready, and can be obtained at the Office of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, in Exchange for the Provisional Certificates issued in Hongkong.

All BONDS not applied for before 31st of August next, will be Returned to the London Office of the Corporation, where they can be had on Application.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 30, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 3% or \$2.25 per SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held this Day, will be Payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY Next, the 26th Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 24, 1878.

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to Furnish the Underwritten with a List of their Contribution for the Year ending 31st December, 1877, in order that the distribution of the Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st August next, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1878.

Intimations.

THE OFFICES of the Underwritten have been temporarily REMOVED to the Premises in DUNDRELL STREET, formerly occupied by Messrs. NIXON & Co.

LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, July 15, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underwritten has received instructions from H. M. Naval Storekeeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 7th August, 1878, at 11 a.m., at H. M. Naval Yard,—

Sundry Condemned Naval and Victualling STORES, comprising:—
Old Wrought Iron, Hoses, Glass, Rags, Boots, Biscuit Dust, Chocolate, Peas, Tobacco,
Flannel, Duck, Serge, Shoes,
Library Books, Implements, etc., etc.
And,
1 Iron Lath.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Underwritten have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, at Noon, on

TUESDAY,

the 20th of August next,—
All the VALUABLE LAND, HOUSES, &c., &c., situate at the Port of TAMSUI, FORMOSA, and known as the PAOU-SHUN PROPERTY, in TWO LOTS.
Lot 1 Consisting of GODOWNS, DWELLING HOUSE, GARDENS, STABLING &c., &c.,
Lot 2 a plot of UPLAND GROUND very suitable for building purposes.

For particulars of property, and terms of sale, apply to

ELLES & Co.,
Tamsui.

Tamsui, 26th July, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.
The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"

Captain G. D. FITZMAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 1st Proximo, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship
"KJOENHAVN,"

Grove, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 1st August, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 30, 1878.

MONTHLY LINE.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, (TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE USUAL PORTS.)

The Australasian Steam Navigation Co.'s Chartered Steamship
"CHARLTON,"

Jno. JOHNSON, Commander, will be despatched as above on the 3rd Proximo, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

FOR FOOCHEW (DIRECT.)

The Steamship
"ARGENTINO,"

will be despatched on the 3rd Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, July 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"TANANIS,"

Commandant LA MARCELLE, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 27, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"JEMNAR,"

Commandant MORET, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 27, 1878.

FOR NAGASAKI, WLADEWOSTOCK AND NICOLAJEFSK.

The Danish Steamship
"NORDEN,"

BOREX, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.
The British Steamer
"CITY OF SANTIAGO,"

shortly expected from SINGAPORE, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to MELOCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).
The Spanish Steamer
"PARAGUA,"

Gra. Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, July 20, 1878.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
The British Steamer
"MADRAS,"

Capt. RICHARDSON, will load here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HOF KEE.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.
The 41 British Bark
"CHARLOTTE ANDREWS,"

Captain Place, will load here, and have a quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, July 15, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The 41 American Ship
"JOSEPHUS,"

ROGERS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, July 22, 1878.

FOR LONDON.
The 41 British Clipper Ship
"SIR HARRY PARKES,"

S. CHAPMAN, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will meet with quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, June 12, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.
The 41 American Bark
"SILAS FISH,"

WILLIAMS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, July 30, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG.
The 3/4 L 11 American Bark
"DIEGO,"

STAPLES, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, July 30, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.
The 41 American Schooner
"CHARLES L. PEARSON,"

SWAIN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, July 10, 1878.

FOR HONOLULU.
The 41 French Bark
"JEANE PERIER,"

LEGASSE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, July 10, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The 41 Ship
"SIR CHARLES NAPIER,"

FRENCH, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

DANISH STEAMER *NORDEN*,
BOYSEN, Master, FROM HAMBURG
AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed and stored at
their risk in the Godowns of the Under-
signed, from whence delivery may be ob-
tained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of
their Goods from the Boats alongside the
Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 5th
August next will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
written notice to the contrary is given before
To-morrow, the 30th Instant, at 10 a.m.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878. aul

BRITISH BARQUE *PENRITH*,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are requested to send
in their Bills of Lading for countersignature,
and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878. aul

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH SHIP *BERTIE*,
RIGGLOW, FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878. aul

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Underigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. DU POUEY,
Agent.

TH 1844, Mr L. Thevenin, from
1 case ink, Marseilles.
B No. 419/21 Order, 16 Cases, from
Wine, Marseilles.
Hongkong, July 27, 1878.

TO LET.

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A THREE-STORY DWELLING
HOUSE, No. 113, Queen's Road
East (Spring Garden). Water laid on.
Apply to
D. NOWROJEE,
HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers,
The BUNGALOW, No. 24, Gage St.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, July 12, 1878.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situate on Praya East.

HOUSE No. 2, Praya East. The basement,
together with First
Floor, or separate if de-
sired, with possession on
the 1st July.

HOUSE No. 3, Praya East. The whole
House or in Flats, with
possession on the 1st of
August.

As also,

THE DWELLING HOUSE to the Eastward
of Pier at Wanchai. May be had as an
entire Dwelling or in Apartments of two
or three Rooms to suit convenience, with
immediate possession. Fine spacious Ver-
andah looking out to Harbour.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,
MARINE LOT 65.

For particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, June 21, 1878.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central,
with Godowns attached.
Houses No. 2, and 9, Seymour Terrace.
DAVID SASSOON, SOLE & Co.
Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

ARMED LORWAY, British barque, Captain
B. Gale, Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

KATE TATHAM, British barque, Captain
Potholthy, Birley & Co.

JEANIE PIERRE, French bark, Captain
Legasse, Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

ATRENS, British barque, Captain Alex.
Findlay, Captain.

MARY BLAIR, British barque, Captain
James Riddle, O. & O. S. S. Co.

LOTTIE MOORE, American barque, Capt.
O. S. Hudson, Arnold, Karberg & Co.

FORNAX, British ship, Capt. G. B.
Taylor, Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

KROSTAVIN, Danish steamer, Capt. L.
O. Grove, Siemens & Co.

RAJAWATTANWAR, British str., Capt.
J. T. Hopkins, Yuen Pei Hong.

BERTIE BROWN, British ship, Captain
Hagedorn, Meyer & Co.

Intimations.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS.
CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF LIGHT-
HOUSE OIL.

SEALED TENDERS will be received
at this Office till July 31st next, for the
Supply of 5,000 Gallons VEGETABLE
OIL for use at the LIGHT-HOUSES in the
Southern Division of China, for the
Year 1879. Printed forms of Tender for
each of the 3 following kinds of Oil can be
had at this Office on application, viz:

1ST TEA-NUT OIL.
2ND PEA-NUT OIL.
3RD RAPE-SEED OIL.

The Oil to be perfectly pure and un-
mixed, of the best quality and color, and
quite free from all impurities and sedi-
ment, and is to be delivered at the Customs
Godowns at Amoy in the following quan-
tities, viz:

1000 Gallons on or before 1st November next.
1500 " " " 1st December " "
2500 " " " 1st March, 1879.

The Oil as it is delivered will be measur-
ed at the Customs House and 14 Imperial
gallons will be taken to weigh 1 picul, and
each Tender must be accompanied by a
sample in a clear glass bottle of not less
quantity than half a pint.

No Tender will be accepted on any other
forms than those issued from this Office.
The Covers to be headed "Tender for
Light-house Oil."

The Commissioner does not pledge him-
self to accept the lowest or any Tender.

R. B. MOOREHEAD,
Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOM HOUSE,
Amoy, 15th June, 1878. aul

FOR SALE.

TWO AMERICAN and One ENGLISH
Second-hand BILLIARD TABLES,
with BALLS, CUES, LAMPS, &c., Complete.
Apply to
D. NOWROJEE,
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, July 11, 1878. ul

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

To-morrow Evening,
(THURSDAY), 1st AUGUST, 1878.

POSITIVELY LAST NIGHT.

GRAND COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT
GIVEN BY
DOCTOR SILVESTER
AND
PROFESSOR W. M. FAY.

MISS DAISY SILVESTER.

By kind permission of Colonel Jago, and
Officers of the 74th Regiment, the Band
will Perform selections during each interval
in the Entertainment.

"PROFESSOR" ILOILO,
A local Amateur will perform Three
Celebrated Magic Illusions, viz:—

"THE FLYING BIRD CAGE,"
"THE DISSOLVING EGG,"
"THE MELTING HANDKERCHIEF."

THE
BEAUTIFUL ENTRANCED LADY.
"FAIRY FOUNTAIN."

"FACES, FEATURES AND FANCIES,"
BY
MISS DAISY SILVESTER,
who will appear in her Prototypical, Char-
acteristic and Unique Delicacies of
Men of the Time.

BY DESIRE,
THE SHADOW SONG ("DINORAH"),
MADAME SILVESTER.

PROFESSOR W. M. FAY.

SCIENCE NATURAL & UNNATURAL.
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Peters, Shanghai July 29, General.—
SIMPSON & Co.

July 31, *Thingalla*, Danish steamer,
1578, H. P. Molson, Amoy July 29, 7 p.m.,
Tee, Meyer & Co.

July 31, *Yesso*, British steamer, 560, S.
Aston, Foochow July 28, Amoy 29, and
Swatow 30, General.—*DOUGLAS LAPRAIK*
& Co.

DEPARTURES.

July 31, *Juliana*, for Tientsin.
81, *Quarta*, for Saigon.
31, *Amoy*, for Canton.

CLERKED.

Fair Leader, for Yokohama.
Louis Eugene, for Kobe.
Sontag, for Iloilo.

Friedrich, for Guam.
Minna, for Keelung.
Sea Gull, for London.

Julia, for Quinhon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Anadyr*, from Shanghai: for Hong-
kong, Mr. Alfay Hoser, and 19 Chinese;
for Marseilles, Messrs G. Rodewald, W.
Forbes, J. Cooper, W. M. Cooper, and J.
Thomas.

Per *Tanais*, from Yokohama, Rev. A.
B. Hutchinson, Messrs Plagne, and
Festfeld.

Per *Yesso*, from Coast Ports, Mrs Liddell,
Mr Smith, Revs. F. Sales and N. Gulza,
3 Europeans deck, and 103 Chinese.

Per *Amoy*, from Shanghai, 88 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Quarta*, for Saigon, 832 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Amoy* reports: Ex-
perienced fine weather and light variable
winds throughout the passage. Passed
S. S. China off Peshan Islands, Maharajah
off Lam-yit, Fuyew off Lammocks, and
Chinkiang off Cape of Good Hope.

The British steamer *Yesso* reports: Foo-
chow to Amoy, Swatow and this port had
moderate variable winds and fine weather.
In Foochow: S. S. Sea Gull, and *Prins*
Friedrich Carl. Passed Haining, Malabar,
and Kunglung bound in. In Amoy: S. S.
Neuchuang, and H.M.S. *Swinger*. *Thing-*
alla left on the 29th. Passed Gordon
Castle bound in. In Swatow: S. S. *Ho-*
chung, and *Olympia*.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—
Per *Douglas*, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday,
the 1st August.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Kjoberghavn*, at 11.30 a.m., on Thurs-
day, the 1st August.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c., &c.—
Per *Charlton*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday,
the 3rd August.

For SAIGON.—
Per *Thales*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday,
the 3rd August, instead of as pre-
viously notified.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—
Per *Parise*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday,
the 3rd August.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—
The French Contract Packet *Anadyr* will
be despatched from Hongkong on
SATURDAY, the 3rd August, with
Mails to and through the United
Kingdom and Europe, via Mar-
seilles, to Saigon, Singapore, Bata-
via, Galle, Australia, New Zea-
land, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Sey-
chelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez,
and Alexandria. This is the best
opportunity for forwarding Cor-
respondence to E. Africa, the Cape,
St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA
by this Packet.

Hongkong, July 19, 1878. aul

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Oceanic*
will be despatched on TUESDAY,
the 6th August, with Mails for Japan,
San Francisco, and the United States,
which will be closed as follows:—

2 P.M. Registry of Letters closes, but Letters
(except for Non-Union Countries) may
be posted on board the Packet with
Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage
until the time of departure.

Hongkong, July 22, 1878. aul

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—
The English Contract Packet *Sunda*
will be despatched with the Mails for
Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the
10th August.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878. aul

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Claims against the *Norden* must be pre-
sented to the Agents before 11 a.m.

Dividend of £2.50 per Share of B. Hotel
Co., Limited, payable at Hongkong
Bank.

Shipping.

Noon.—*Douglas* leaves for Coast Ports.

Noon.—*Kjoberghavn* leaves for Shanghai.

Amusement.

9 p.m.—*Doctor Silvester's* Performance
at the City Hall.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 7.10 p.m.

DEATHS.

At Shanghai, on the 24th July, J. PIG-
NATE, formerly of Chefoo.

At Tientsin, on the 20th July, HENRY
PHILIPPE, the beloved Son of P. Loup
Lamour, aged 11 months.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1878.

By an account furnished in the *Govern-*
ment Gazette of 6th April last it may be
seen that the Special Fund showed on
31st December 1877 a balance at credit
of \$380,000. The sum of \$11,343.18
was received here and at home for in-
terest during the previous half-year, and
a like sum was expended—viz., \$2120
for detection and suppression of gam-
bling, and \$9223.18 contribution to-
wards Police expenditure for the quarter
ending December 31st—during the
six months referred to. Ever since
this Special Fund was rendered "sacred"
to conscientious scruples, and definitely
removed from the unwholesome touch
of anything less mundane than the detec-
tion of gambling and the suppression of crime,
a general feeling has been growing up
amongst sensible residents that the Home
Government has been carrying its politi-
cal squeamishness a little too far.

Growing, as this Fund did, out of the
proceeds of the license to suppress a vice
peculiar to the Chinese, and accumulating
as it did in a way which many besides
ourselves persistently opposed at the
time, it was a seemingly and politic act
of the Home authorities to lay their hands
upon this money so as to prevent it from
being then absorbed into the general
revenue of the Colony; but the same
cannot now be said of the action of the
Government. Just six years ago Sir
Arthur Kennedy, having stated to the
Legislative Council that there was under
this head a balance in hand, after paying
\$100,000 to the Chinese Hospital, of
about \$450,000, proceeded to inform the
members that the Secretary of State had
forwarded instructions to the effect that
"the remainder was to be applied to
expenditure caused by increase of the
Police Force, or other causes connected
with the increase of crime, and the
balance after such application was to be
invested so as to give a fund applicable
to the same purposes." These are the
terms upon which this large sum has
since been retained upon the books of the
Colonial Treasury, and all efforts have,
we believe, been futile to alter or modify
the stringent rule thus laid down. It is
a significant fact that this immovable
attitude has not always commanded the
sympathy of the local administration.
Sir Arthur Kennedy, who was too dis-
creet a Governor to make unguarded
statements regarding acts of Imperial
policy, gave his opinion pretty freely as
to the inadvisability of holding "sacred"
the fund in question, as may be seen
from his allusion to that subject at the
farewell banquet held in his honour on
27th February of last year. Speaking
of the elasticity of the local revenue, he
said:—"I know that you have got
something to pay your way and that you
need not go to beg and borrow of
anybody—except of the Special Fund
(applause), that I would have no sort
of scruple of borrowing; and you know,
moreover, I would not be very particu-
lar in paying it back (a laugh)."

On the 12th of November last year, Mr
Pope Hennessy, in laying his first finan-
cial statement before the Council, also
made an indirect reference to the Special
Fund. After congratulating the mem-
bers that the estimated revenue for 1878
exceeded a million dollars, and that there
was a large balance (exclusive of the
gambling fund) in the Colonial Treas-
urer's hands, he said:—"When we come
to available assets for the expenses of
1878, we add our balance of \$277,000
to the \$1,004,240, and that will give us
\$1,281,240 as our assets; and that again
is independent of the special fund. The
special fund amounts to \$380,000. That
we leave by itself. I shall not add it to
the assets. One or two of the works to
which I am about to refer I hope to be
able to charge upon it

hai Docks was made at Tls. 225 ex-dividend. Yangtze has been sold at a decline of Tls. 5.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banks.—A considerable business has been done on long time at rates varying from 80 for February to 78 for October. —Hongkong buyers, Shanghai sellers. When the news became known that the Government at Peking refused sanction to the proposed Loan of 1878, shares dropped here; but Hongkong came to the rescue and took many hundreds of shares from here at 70. The Hongkong public seem to have a profound faith in their local Bank stock, it must be the general public buying now, as a well-known member of the "bull" ring has sold a large quantity of shares. This ring is strongly represented on the board, and backed by the resources of the Bank itself; it has of course a great advantage over the outside public, and the selling movement is supposed to be due to an objection on the part of the majority of the Board to pay more than 21 for the half year.

Chinese Loan of 1877.—Bonds continue in demand for remittance; they are getting scarce in China. Public attention has been much occupied by the discussion in the columns of the *Shanghai Courier* (vide *Celestial Empire*) concerning the issue and terms of this and the abortive Loan. The Bank has been asked to indicate where a copy of the Edict referred to in its prospectus is to be seen; but no indication is shown of any intention to reply. It is also argued that the Bank has no right to charge the Chinese Government a higher rate of interest than that at which it borrowed the money from the public, as agents for, and on the credit of, that Government. If the Bank is in fact the properly authorized agent of the Imperial Chinese Government, as asserted in the prospectus of the Loan, there would appear to be very little room for argument about the matter, which may not improbably be re-adjusted.

Chinese Loan of 1878.—As stated above, the Imperial Government refuses its sanction to a Loan with foreigners. It authorizes instead an internal Loan for Tls. 6,000,000, repayable in six years. This Loan has therefore fallen through. A Loan has been offered to the Government contractor at 10 per cent per annum if proper Imperial authority to secure it can be procured.

Dividends has been declared of Tls. 54 per share by the French Gas Co.; and Tls. 6 by the Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., both interim. It is reported that Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is going to declare no more than its customary pound; a very prudent course for the directors to adopt; it is the equivalent of 8 per cent, and is a fair return upon the capital, although not upon the present market price; but it is probably a disappointment to speculators for the rise, who will have to go on buying themselves if they still wish to bolster up rates.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The twelfth ordinary meeting of the shareholders in the above Company was held at the Offices, Queen's Road, this afternoon. There were present: Messrs L. Mendel (in the chair), A. Lind, H. H. Nelson, A. McG. Heaton, H. W. Davis, A. Coxon, A. G. Morris, H. Smith, B. Goldsmith, C. P. Chater, R. Deacon, Yee On, and W. H. Ray (Secretary).

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen; It is I think gratifying, considering the dullness of trade generally during the past year, that the Directors are in a position to place such a favourable report before the meeting.

The report has been in your hands for some days, and I presume we may consider it as read. You will observe that the total amount of premium amounted to \$486,000, and that our net profits almost come up to \$300,000. We propose to pay a dividend of 12 per cent to shareholders, and to pay to contributors of business a dividend of 10 per cent, instead of 10 per cent as last year. We further propose to put a round sum of \$100,000 to the Reserve Fund, and to carry forward the sum of \$92,000, which is ample, because so far as we know up to the present our losses have been small. I regret to say that nothing new with regard to the estate of Augustine Heard & Company can as yet be said. I fear that the dividend accruing out of this estate will be very small, but I hope when we meet again in 1879 that this unfortunate matter will have been brought to a final termination. We have been much more lucky with the *Japan*. The salvage operations are over, but the final dividend has not yet taken place. When this shall have been done our Reserve Fund will foot up to fully \$300,000, which amount is equal to our paid up capital. No doubt this will be regarded as very satisfactory. Mr. Heaton has resigned his seat on the Board, and an appointment will shortly be made to fill the vacancy. So far the business of the new year has been very favourable and the losses have been but small. I hardly think there is anything more to be said, but before proposing the adoption of the report I shall be most happy to answer any questions.

Mr. HEATON asked what was the amount of losses to be paid out of the sum carried forward.

The CHAIRMAN said the losses so far had been but small, and they would be between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

No further questions being asked,

The CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. DEACON seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. NELSON proposed the re-election of Messrs L. Mendel and A. Lind as Directors.

Mr. DAVIS inquired whether or not Mr. Mendel intended to return to China.

The CHAIRMAN said that so far as he was informed, he believed Mr. Mendel would return to China; if he did not, of course a new Director would be appointed in his place.

Mr. DAVIS seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. LIND proposed and Mr. NELSON seconded, that Messrs H. Smith and T. G. Lind should be re-elected as Auditors.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. HEATON said that in view of the untiring energy and zeal displayed by Mr. Ray, he begged to propose that they should, with the sanction of the Directors, allow him a bonus of \$1,000.

Mr. CHATER said he had very great pleasure in seconding the motion (applause).

Carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Coxon, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the meeting then separated.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)

July 31, 1878.

A CLEVER DETECTION.

Lam Akwai and Tsui Atip, chair bearers of chair No. 692, were charged by Inspector Thompson, with picking the pockets of a seaman named James Beattie. It appears that a seaman named James Beattie was brought to the Police Station at West Point last night, by Chinese Constable No. 169 in a drunken state, and his pockets turned inside out. He was in the defendants' chair and the defendants complained that they had not been paid their hire. Inspector Thompson questioned the 2nd defendant, who said that he had a 10-cent piece and a few cash in his purse. The Inspector had the 2nd defendant brought into the Station and both of them searched. The seaman's discharge certificate was found on the person of the 1st defendant. The account given by the defendants about their money was correct. The 1st defendant said he had found the discharge the previous day in front of the Stag Hotel. The defendants had no chair license and could not give the name of their security.

Lum Akow, the acting interpreter at the West Point Station, proved seeing the discharge taken from the person of the 1st defendant, and corroborated Inspector Thompson's name as to what transpired. James Beattie said he had the discharge all safe yesterday and showed it to several men. He was drunk and did not know what had occurred. He found himself in the Police cell this morning. Beattie was fined \$1 or 2 days' imprisonment for drunkenness, and the chair coolies were remanded until the 2nd August.

PUGNACIOUS CHAIR COOLIES.

Cheng Achung and Li Ahoi, chair coolies (licensed chair 360), were charged with violently assaulting Mr. Alexander Roe, Chief Engineer of the Spanish steamer *Paraguay*. It appears that the complainant hired the defendant's chair and kept it for a short time. He was in company with Captain Humphreys of the British steamer *Titania*, and the chair was paid off at a Commodore's shop. Complainant gave his chair bearers 20 cents, and Captain Humphreys having had his chair all day paid 30 cents. Defendants on seeing this made a great disturbance and demanded more money. They caught hold of complainant and knocked him down, cutting his wrist, and were helped by a number of other coolies, and it was only by the assistance of Captain Humphreys and a Sikh Constable that peace was restored.

Defendants of course denied the charge and said they had received no money at all. Mr. Creagh fined them \$2 each, or 10 days' hard labour.

ASSAULT AND THREATENING.

Cheng Akong, a money changer, was charged by a Mr. Joseph Nathan, residing at No. 7 Chancery Lane, with assaulting him and using threatening language. Mr. Nathan was told that if he went to the Police Court and complained he could not go out safely at night time.

Mr. Creagh fined the defendant 50 cents and ordered him to find security \$10 to be of good behaviour for 3 months.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT AGAINST BURKE, LATE 2ND MATE OF "THE FREDERICK."

Michael Burke, late 2nd mate of the British barque *The Frederick*, was charged with assaulting a man named Raab, one of the crew who has since died. Sergeant Doomey proved arresting the defendant on board the British barque *Arctica*.

Frank Bell was then called and deposed to having seen Raab struck on various occasions. Bell said that he was formerly 2nd mate of *The Frederick*, but after defendant came on board at Bermuda he (witness) was deserted. Raab was a middle-aged man, German by birth and spoke English imperfectly. He was a heavy built man before reaching Bermuda. He was in good health. Nothing particular occurred between Bermuda and Anjer, since leaving Anjer witness had frequently seen the prisoner and the Chief Mate strike the deceased.

Witness then related certain particular instances of flogging which the deceased had received at the hands of the accused. He had seen Raab with 7 or 8 cuts on his face after one of these beatings he could swear that. He had heard the deceased say that he felt that something was broken inside; this was after Raab had run from the ship. The prisoner appeared to be drunk. He had heard the Captain say that he would not let any man lay up unless he was compelled to; the Captain said he was not going to have a hospital made of his ship. The deceased appeared to be in pain for several days before he laid up. Deceased said he was in pain and his face looked as though he was.

In answer to the accused, witness said:—I was not standing near scrubbing the mud off the chain cable when you struck Raab. I was standing near the fore rigging. I was doing nothing particular at the time. Raab was laid up before we left Batavia. He went to his bunk and said he could not stand the heat and smell of the kerosene oil. I know that you were sent forward on Sunday by the mate to get Raab out to assist the men to furl the sails; Raab said he could not go, he was sick.

At this stage the case was remanded until 2 o'clock on Friday next, the 2nd proximo.

MARINE COURT OF ENQUIRY.

LOTS OF THE BRITISH SHIP

"*LORD OF THE ISLES*."

The enquiry into the loss of this vessel was opened to-day. The court comprised: The Hon. Charles May, (President), J. P. McKuen, Esq., (Deputy Master), J. Jackson, Esq., (Unofficial Justice of the Peace), R. McKuen, Esq., (Government Marine Surveyor), and J. Metcalfe, Esq., (Master of the British steamer *Oceanic*).

Captain John Francis Piper, the master, was first examined. He said he held a London certificate of competency. The *Lord of the Isles* left Newcastle (N.S.W.) on the 20th May last, with a cargo of coal (865 tons) for Manila. Fine weather was experienced until the morning of the 21st July. On the 20th June, at midnight, against Pointe à la Poudre, N.W. by N. 3 W. true, Captain Piper, by N. 3 W. true, Island N. by E. 4 E. true. The ship had not had her compass adjusted since witness was in her. He obtained the correction by an azimuth. Several azimuths were taken on that day from S.W. to S.E. At midnight the vessel was steering W.N.W. true course; the weather being very

fine, but calm, and no moon, and a strong current was drifting the vessel to the South West; the vessel's position was marked on the chart and she was then hauled up. At 12 past 12 o'clock, midnight, the vessel became unmanageable. All hands were called on deck in order to get the anchor. The anchor was cockbilled and soundings obtained; 35 fathoms of water were found. Shortly afterwards the tide had decreased to 27 fathoms. The land appeared to be about 2 miles distant. The order was given to let go the anchor, but before it could be done the ship took the ground. The order was then countermanded. Just before she struck a light breeze from the S.E. was felt and the yards were trimmed accordingly. The 2nd mate was the officer of the watch when the ship struck. After she struck a boat was lowered and a kedge run out ahead with a 5-inch Manila hawser. The anchor was let go in 7 fathoms of water, and efforts were made to heave the vessel off, but she would not move. The tide was falling at this time, but the vessel was making no water. There was still a strong current running to the S.W. The sails were now drenched up and the men allowed to lie down for a short time as they had been working very hard. About 8 a.m. the tide commenced to make, and efforts to leave her off were again resorted to. The tide was by this time setting strong to the N.W. and the hawser parted. The vessel was then sitting on a rock on the starboard side, a little abait the main rigging. Two feet of water were found in the hold and the vessel listed over 15 or 20 degrees. Four men then set to work at the pumps, and the rest of the crew got two boats out and provisioned. One boat was sent on shore at Andrews Island, and the other was used to carry another anchor out from the starboard bow in a N.N.E. direction;—a 7-inch hawser being used on this occasion. All efforts proved futile however, and the water was gaining on the pumps. The crew were sent on shore for the night, as it was feared that the ship would fall over. The next day a portion of the cargo was jettisoned, and as this did no good the water was gaining on the pumps no further exertions were made to haul the vessel off, as it was clear that if she was got off, she must inevitably sink in deep water. The mate was then sent away to Manila by way of Balan with a boat's crew to seek assistance. He returned to the wreck of the ship in the steamer *Compass*, accompanied by *Lieut. Sturges*, diver and diving apparatus, to examine the wreck. The steamer was then loaded with rigging, fittings and furniture from the wreck, and on the 18th July the crew all embarked on board the steamer and arrived at Manila on the 19th instant.

Witness continued:—My Chief Mate is in good charge with a serious offence and cannot be present here to-day. I only took two casts of the lead. I did not think we were near enough to the land to be in any danger. The rock was not visible above water, and there were no breakers the water being quite smooth. At daylight I found we were only 200 or 300 yards off the beach. My crew behaved remarkably well. I remained on deck from Saturday morning at 6 o'clock until Monday morning when she struck. I did not think it incumbent upon me to anchor before we were nearing the land, as I thought the vessel would drive through the channel. The steamer lashed alongside of the wreck. I was fully alive to the danger of my position, and it was this which induced me to remain on deck.

Captain McKuen: You cannot say that you could not anchor, because you did not know what water you had.

William Golding, the second mate, was then called; he said:—I am 27 years of age and have been to sea since June 1869. I was in the late ship *Lord of the Isles* 2 years. I was the officer of the watch at the time of the wreck. It was dead calm when I went on deck; the yards were canted a little on the starboard tack. There was land on each quarter and land on the port bow. I did not take any bearings, the Captain being on deck. I could see there was a strong tide running, as the ship was passing the land rapidly, and there was no wind. She was drifting in the direction she was heading. It never struck me that we were in a critical position. A cast of the lead was taken by the Captain's order about 10 minutes or a quarter of an hour after I went on deck. The second cast was taken 5 minutes later and we found 27 fathoms of water. The order was then given to let go the anchor, but this was not done as the vessel touched the ground almost immediately.

Witness then corroborated the Captain's evidence as to what occurred subsequent to the ship's grounding.

Alexander Malver, the carpenter, was next called. He said:—I sounded the pumps after she struck and found no water. I continued to sound the pumps until after the hawser broke at daylight. When the hawser broke the vessel bumped heavily and listed over nearly on her beam ends. I found 2 feet of water in the ship shortly afterwards.

After other corroborative evidence the Court was cleared, and on re-assembling, the following finding was read:—

FINDING.

The Court finds that the British ship *Lord of the Isles*, official No. 5101, Master, John Francis Piper, number of whose certificate of competency is 32,229, was lost on a rock (according to the Master's statement) about 300 yards from the N.E. point of Andrews Island, Narauos Group, Philippines Islands, on the morning of 1st July at about 12.40, while on a voyage from Newcastle (N.S.W.) to Manila with a cargo of coal. The night was very fine, but according to the evidence perfectly calm, with a strong current running the vessel at the time entering the Straits of St. Bernardino. The Court is of opinion, considering the helpless condition of the vessel, at the time, from want of wind, and the strong current running, that it would have been only prudent on the part of the Captain to have got a cast of the lead (when he obtained his cross-bearings at midnight) with a view to anchoring. In having omitted to do this the Court is of opinion that he committed an error of judgment and therefore censures him. It appears that after the vessel was stranded every endeavour was made by officers and crew to save the ship.

The certificates of the master and officers are returned to them.

(Signed) C. MAY,

First Police Magistrate.

Aging Harbour Master, &c.

T. JACKSON,

Unofficial Justice of the Peace.

R. MCKUEN,

Government Marine Surveyor.

J. METCALFE,

Master British Steamer *Oceanic*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, 31st July, 1878.

Sir,—I hardly know whether or not residents read the effusions that pass for "leaders" in the columns of your contemporary; but if so they must have been somewhat amused at his arguing in an article this morning that the Surveyor General was right (in his objections to certain plans for the construction of Chinese houses) and finally concluding with remarks to the effect that he was wrong. In other words, your contemporary does his feeble best to point out the undeniability of according to the wishes of the petitioners, who objected to the Surveyor General's amendments of the plans, and then suddenly discovers that the Governor has exercised a wise discretion in overruling the Survey Department in the matter! For my own part, I will back the Survey Department, in a matter of this kind, against half a dozen Governors. I am glad to see that you did not fall to urge the importance of the Chinese being compelled to build their houses with a due regard to sanitary requirements and also of their being compelled to live in them, as you put it, "a little less like savages and a little more like civilised beings."

Yours obediently,

A MERCHANT.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

31st July, 1878.

Sir,—Can you or any of your readers point out in the annals of journalism an instance of such utter confusion of ideas as that shown in the leading article of your goodly contemporary in this morning's issue?—H. E. will doubtless place much value on the advice there given, as it is about as comprehensible as Mr. Hennessy's Minute and the Acting Surveyor General's clause regarding this Chinese house-constructing fiasco. Your morning contemporary up the Hill seems to have stumbled lately upon more than one precious vein in our worthy Governor's policy, and in his breathless hurry to proclaim the fact he has jumbled up facts with his own nonsense in a most alarming manner. What are we coming to?

Yours,

S. P.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

July 30, 1878.

Sir,—In your account of Dr. Silvester's recent entertainment given at the City Hall, you say of Miss Silvester, "Propped up with a pole under either elbow and standing on a stool, the young lady at first tried to submit to and finally succumb to the mesmerism influence [sic] of the mesmerist." One pole being removed, she rested on her right arm (the stool, of course having been removed).

Twenty years ago, I saw this trick, then a novelty, performed by Professor Anderson, the Wizard of the North, at the Lyceum Theatre. It was given to the audience as an instance of what your critic has called "the mesmerism influence," and I, among others, was so far taken in that I was unable to account for what I saw in any rational way. Since those days, I have learnt how the trick—for such, of course, it is—done; and without wishing to injure Dr. Silvester, I may fairly, as a direct and unflinching opponent of the supernatural in every form or shape, inform those who would perhaps regard this performance as an argument in favour of "the mesmerism influence," that the wills either of Dr. Silvester or of his "beautiful" daughter have nothing on earth to do in the matter.

Yours truly,

A YOUNG THESPIAN.

[It seems almost useless to inform our anti-supernatural correspondent that the Hongkong community are not entirely given over to a belief in mesmerism influence. But the seeming of such tricks as those of Dr. Silvester is of course naturally half the battle, and we fancied that everybody was not only aware of this fact but rested satisfied that it should be so.—Ed. O. M.]

China.

FOOCHOW.

(Herald, July 25th.)

We hear that the thermometer registered 90° in the shade at several points in the Foreign Settlement to-day.

The Acting Governor, Fao, paid a friendly visit to the foreign consuls on the 23rd instant. His Excellency will, we understand, leave for Peking in a few days, when Wu, the recently appointed Governor, will take the reins of office.

In connection with the disturbances at Wu-shih-shan, to which we referred in our last issue, we are reliably informed that the Mission property has again been threatened by certain members of the *Hikari* and gentry who have during the past week made very strenuous efforts to organize a popular demonstration against the Mission. A guard of soldiers continue to occupy the Mission premises. So far, however, as we can learn, the inhabitants of the City have failed in responding to the fanatical exhortations of these narrow-minded firebrands, and the mission property is comparatively safe. But we understand that the native officials permit this anti-foreign agitation to have full swing, and that grave consequences may be apprehended so long as these intelligent Confucianists are allowed to work a web of falsehood and misrepresentation, under cover of which they expect to develop what is really an anti-foreign rather than an anti-missionary plot. We maintain that all foreign property-holders are interested in demanding the prompt suppression of these baseless and dangerous attempts to excite the unfeeling subjects of a great Treaty Power.

We learn from a correspondent, that the interest already manifested in sporting circles regarding condition and quality of those reductive pets,—China ponies—shows every indication of a most successful Autumn Meeting at Shanghai. Mr. Ten Broeck has fine promising animals under his watchful eye, some of which are already in excellent form. Mr. O'Leary has been very judiciously breaking his select trio; and a fine looking regiment belonging to Mr. St. Andrew and Mr. Peel are still luxuriating at grass. Mr. St. George has a powerful string of ten in active work on the Sicaswei road. The German contingent, Tientain, Peking, and Chafco are fairly represented, in addition to quite a host of

smaller stables, while to judge from the sporting "grip" (which has already assumed a conspicuous after-dinner position) the competition for griffins will be fast and furious. At the present moment the St. George lot look decidedly the strongest on paper, at the same time there are a select few that will bear considerable watching. "Black Satta" and some of the "Wilds," for instance. Our correspondent promises to keep us posted, and to send us an early intimation of anything "fresh or thin."

Further attacks on Mission property are reported from Kien-Ning-fu and Yen-Ping-fu. At the first named important and populous inland city a chapel belonging to the Church Missionary Society was, we hear, completely destroyed a short time ago by a mob—headed by the literati and gentry of that place. At first, the rioters threatened to kill the catechist in charge of the chapel, but subsequently they ordered him to leave the city, and not to return—under penalty of instant death should he be again discovered. The people of Kien-Ning are notoriously anti-foreign, and in these high-spirited proceedings we are of course furnished with a far from edifying illustration of the prevailing sentiment. Yen-Ping-fu has also distinguished itself more than once by its unreasoning animosity to foreigners. Quite recently the *Hikari* and gentry (always the *Hikari* and gentry of that place) assembled in one of the temples to discuss suitable measures for the destruction of the English and American Mission Chapels, at that place. The preachers in charge of these Missions, learning of what was going on, petitioned the district magistrate, who deputed a man of some local influence to proceed to the temple where the meeting was then being held, and endeavour to restrain the people from carrying out their threats. The magistrate's deputy we are told, met with a very rough reception at the hands of the mob, and barely escaped being murdered by the ignorant ruffians. Subsequently, he was taken to the Prefect's yamen, where (oddest fact of all) he was bamboozled by order of that zealous and efficient protector of the public and peace, in the presence too of the very mob whose threatened evil-doing the poor man had been employed to restrain. This extraordinary treatment of the Yen-Ping magistrate's deputy, supplies us with an excellent clue to the native system of administering justice; and we can well understand the difficulty experienced by subordinate officials in obeying popular fanaticism when they are uncertain, as in this instance, of the support of their superiors in office.

Exchange.
Bank, on demand, ... 3/9 1/2
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/8 1/2
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/10 1/2
Credit, ... 3/10 1/2
Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 3/10 1/2
Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 22 1/2
Calcutta, ... 22 1/2
Shanghai, demand, ... 7 1/2
" 30 days, ... 7 1/2
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 109 1/2
Sycee, ... 8 1/2
Mexicans, ... 1 p.c. pm.
Gold Leaf, ... 26.80
English Sovereigns, ... 5.21
Discount, ... 8 to 9 %

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 78 % prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,350
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,400
Yankee Ins. Assn., Tls. 655
Chinese Insurance Co., \$380
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,050
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$550
China Fire Ins. Co., \$240
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 16 % prem.
H.K. C. & M. S.-boat Co., \$3 % prem.
Channel Steam Navigation, Tls. 21
Hongkong Gas Co., \$90
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$57
China Sugar Refining Co., \$43 % prem.
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$103.10/16
Do. of 1877, \$107.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co's Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, July 31, 1878.

BAROMETRE—9 A.M. ... 29.830
Do. 1 P.M. ... 29.792
Do. 4 P.M. ... 29.744
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 83
Do. 1 P.M. ... 90
Do. 4 P.M. ... 90
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 81
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Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

When left. Name. From.

Nov. 3, Elizabeth Shields, Hamburg

Dec. 1, Glengaber, Flushing

25, G. B. S., Liverpool

Jan. 27, Earl of Devon, Antwerp

Feb. 22, Elvetoico, Penarth

Mar. 9, Mabel Clark, Liverpool

28, Orsola, Liverpool

29, Manilla II., Cuxhaven

30, Bristolian (s.), Antwerp

Apr. 6, Maritime Union, Cardiff

6, Benefactor, New York

11, Hamburg, Hamburg

15, Little Parry, Antwerp

17, Dartmouth, London

16, Invincible, Penarth

23, Rodia, Cardiff

23, Rodia, Cardiff

May 1, Ada Melmore, London

2, Melrose, Liverpool

3, Cosmo, Penarth

5, Imperatrice Elizabeth, Liverpool

5, Strathairn, Cardiff

6, Challenge, Cardiff

8, Southern Cross, Penarth

9, Napier, Cardiff

12, Don Quixote, Penarth

14, Verona, New York

Mails.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
Also,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 3rd August
1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
ANADYR, Commandant MORAU,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for
the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 2nd August, 1878. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 22, 1878.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

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THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be de-
parted for San Francisco via Yoko-
hama, on TUESDAY, the 6th August, at
3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 6th August. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
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For further information as to Freight or
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G. E. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, July 17, 1878.



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SURAT, Captain G. O. BUENY, will
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Hongkong, July 28, 1878.

Intimations.

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Hongkong, July 19, 1878.

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Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

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His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Fookchow, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Directors.

KWOK ACHONG, Merchant.

PANG YIM, Merchant.

HO SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.

LOO YEE, of the Yee On Hong, Merchant.

LEE SING, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant.

CHONG SING YONG, Merchant.

CHOW CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted on
Buildings and on Goods stored
therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, Nos. 8 and 9, Praya West.
Hongkong, August 23, 1877.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-
CIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....TL. 420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE....." 230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND....." 104,000
Total Capital and accumu-
lations this date.....TL. 754,000

Directors:

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

M. P. DYARS, Esq., C. LUCAS, Esq.,
C. KINGS, Esq., Wm. MEYER, Esq.

Secretaries:

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.

London Bankers:

Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co.,
Agents, in

HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and
the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to
all parts of the World, at current
rates.

Subject to a charge of 12% for interest
on Shareholders' Capital, ALL the PROFITS
of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be
annually distributed among all Contribu-
tors of Business in proportion to the
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tonn.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Adria	5	Stewart	Brit. str.	781	July 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Bombay	At noon Dock
Alverton	5	Darnell	Brit. str.	1086	July 23	Meyer & Co.	Marilles, &c.	At noon Dock
Anadyr	5	Barrett	Brit. str.	2561	July 31	Messageries Maritimes	Marilles, &c.	At noon Dock
Argentine	2	Barrett	Brit. str.	915	April 22	Turner & Co.	Fookchow	At noon Dock